

National Association of Activity Professionals
Government Relations Committee
Consensus: “Formal Comments”
for MDS 3.0 Town Hall Meeting
June 2, 2003

Thank you for this opportunity to formally address the Town Hall Meeting as a registered responder. Our representative in attendance today is NAAP Vice President Pam Bailey, Chairperson of the NAAP Government Relations Committee.

Overall, we are very pleased with the totally new Activities Section N.

We do, however, need to address the deletion of the “none of the above” response in Section N1, Time Awake. This deletion not only affects a Quality Indicator for Depression, but also creates the problem of falsification of records for certain clients that only fit into the “none of the above” category. Napping during the three time periods for more than one hour does not necessarily define a client as comatose. So for these certain clients, who are not comatose, there is no possible answer to be given.

Our membership is comprised of Activity Professionals, who may also hold Certification in Therapeutic Recreation. As Activity Professionals, we would expect to participate in the completion of Section N. However, there has been some mixed reaction to the reimbursement category Section P2f., which permits physician ordered Recreation Therapy minutes to be included under Therapies. This item was removed from Section T., where it was previously situated for data collection purposes. Why was this item continued in the MDS 3.0? Did the data collection period results justify the move for inclusion into Section P?